

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are in this Application and are presented for consideration. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 3-7, 10-21, and 24-30 accordance with the U.S. style of practice and added new claims 31 and 32.

The newly added claims have originally been presented during the international stage to the EPO office. However, the EPO Office did not consider the new claims in their original International Preliminary Examination Report according to the their letter dated September 29, 2005. However, EPO reversed itself and considered the new claims in a separate second International Preliminary Examination Report according to a subsequent letter dated February 8, 2006.


Since it is unclear if the new claims have been transmitted to the U.S. receiving office by the EPO office, Applicants produce herewith a preliminary Amendment which includes the originally submitted set of claims 1-30 and claims 31 and 32 entered during the international stage as new claims.

Favorable consideration on the merits is requested.

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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-
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